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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE,  
MARIAN SLIWINSKI, TO THE U.S.

1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR ON JANUARY 14, PROFESSOR ANDRZEJ WOJCZAK AND JAN SIEKLUCKI RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO THE U.S. BY MINISTER SLIWINSKI THIS YEAR. THEY NOTED THAT HE PLACED VERY HIGH VALUE IN HIS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FORMER SECRETARY WIENBERGER AND HOPED TO ESTABLISH THE SAME RELATIONS WITH SECRETARY MATHEWS. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT MINISTER SLIWINSKI WAS DUE TO RETURN THE SEPTEMBER 1973 VISIT OF FORMER SECRETARY WIENBERGER TO POLAND.

2. WOJCZAK AND SIEKLUCKI STATED THAT THE SLIWINSKI VISIT COULD NOT BE LONGER THAN 10 DAYS AND SUGGESTED THE LAST 10 DAYS IN EITHER APRIL OR MAY AS FEASIBLE DATES. SUGGESTIONS THAT WERE DISCUSSED FOR AN ITINERARY INCLUDE: ONE OR TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON, WITH A VISIT TO NIH, BETHESDA, FOLLWED BY TRAVEL TO PHILADELPHIA- PHILADELPHIA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND WISTAR INSTITUTE; CHICAGO-MEDICAL RESEARCH AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO; DENVER-HEART TRANSPLANTOLOGY ACTIVITITES AT DENVER V.A. HOSPITAL; BALTIMORE-SCHOOL OF

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PUBLIC HEALTH, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY; NEW HAVEN,

CONNECTICUT-YALE UNIVERSITY. WOJCZAK EMPHASIZED THESE ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS AND THAT THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL PROPOSALS FROM HEW. SLIWINSKI'S MAJOR PERSONAL INTEREST IS CARDIO-VASCULAR SURGERY; HOWEVER, HE WOULD NOT WISH TO REPEAT VISITS TO RESEARCH CENTERS IN THIS AREA IN ATLANTA, HOUSTON, PALO ALTO, MINNEAPOLIS AND BOSTON WHICH HE VISITED IN EARLY 1973.

3. SIEKLUCKI AND WOJCZAK STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY FIVE PERSONS WOULD ACCOMPANY SLIWINSKI, AND THAT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE U.S.-POLISH HEALTH EXCHANGE AGREEMENT, DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD BE COVERED BY HEW. THE MOH AND SLIWINSKI HAVE BEEN A MAINSTAY OF U.S.-POLISH COOPERATION OVER THE YEARS, AND THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A RETURN VISIT BY MINISTER SLIWINSKI TO THE U.S. THIS YEAR WOULD BE USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY MEDICAL SYSTEMS DIVISIONS REPRESENTATIVE HERE THAT GENERAL ELECTRIC WOULD BE WILLING TO COVER ALL DOMESTIC TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES FOR THE SLIWINSKI DELEGATION IF THE ITINERARY INCLUDES A STOP AT THE GE MEDICAL SYSTEMS DIVISION HEADQUARTERS IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. FYI: GENERAL ELECTRIC IS ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE MOH A \$40-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDING PACEMAKERS. END FYI. WE SUGGEST THAT OIH CONTACT DR. H.E. FINKE, GENERAL MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, GENERAL ELECTRIC MEDICAL SYSTEMS, BOX 414, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, 53201 (TELEPHONE 414-544-3797), IF GENERAL ELECTRIC SUPPORT FOR THE SLIWINSKI DELEGATION IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. THE GENERAL ELECTRIC REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS THAT SLIWINSKI HAS PERSONALLY IMPLANTED FIVE GE PACEMAKERS IN CARDIAC PATIENTS HERE.

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